



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports Raised Bill 833 *"An Act Concerning the Approval and Siting of Certain Telecommunication Tower Applications"*.

This bill would require that any application for the siting of a telecommunications tower - to be located within 250 feet of a residential dwelling, place of worship, or school - to have the approval of either (1) the local planning and zoning commission in which the project is proposed or (2) the local legislative body.

While understandably the siting of such facilities provides a statewide benefit and there are overarching needs for certain infrastructure, local governments continue to struggle with their lack of decision making authority over these types of projects within their borders. This bill at least provides some protections, in certain circumstances, to ensure that the voice of the local constituency is part of the process.

CCM urges the committee to support this bill and favorably report it.

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